

## Hugh Lawson White to Andrew Jackson, January 17, 1827, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### HUGH L. WHITE TO JACKSON.

Washington, January 17, 1827.

*Dear Sir,* On the 8th Instant in this city some of those disposed to commemorate it, had a dinner, at which I was present; and in answer to a toast made some observations which you will have seen. It was my wish to glance rapidly at some of the leading events of the last war, without saying aught in your favor which truth did not justify, and without in malice alluding to the acts of the Administration.<sup>1</sup> I am this moment informed President Monroe feels himself not only injured but offended by what I said, and is preparing materials to shew, my *statements untrue*. Having said what I *then believed* and yet do *believe* was strictly true, in manner, and form, I shall certainly not change one Syllable, until convinced 'tis wrong. I ask the favor of you to run your eye over it, and if in any thing, I have done the Administration of that day, injustice, to point out in what that error consists.

<sup>1</sup> White's remarks are noticed at length in the *National Intelligencer*, Jan. 9, 1827. See also *Correspondence of John C. Calhoun*, p. 243.

No matter by whom attacked, provided the man is respectable, I shall by all fair means sustain my statement without caring to whom it is offensive.

With the highest respect I am,